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Re: U.S. Patent No.: 6,712,977 B1

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Our Docket: 33707

Certificate

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of Correction

Sir:

A Certificate of Correction under 35 U.S.C. 254 is hereby requested to correct Patent Office printing errors in the above-identified patent. Enclosed herewith is a proposed Certificate of Correction (Form No. PTO-1050) for consideration along with appropriate documentation supporting the request for correction.

It is requested that the Certificate of Correction be completed and mailed at an early date to the undersigned attorney of record. The proposed corrections are obvious ones and do not in any way change the sense of the application.

We understand that a check is not required since the errors were on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office in printing the patent.

Very truly yours,

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 8, line 50, please delete "equipments" and insert therefor —equipment—.

Column 8, line 64, please delete "equipments" and insert therefor —equipment—.

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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE TITLE

The title was changed to:

LIQUID CLARIFICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 3, line 11, "equipments" was changed to – equipment –.

In claim 4, line 10, "equipments" was changed to – equipment –.

In claim 5, line 2, "anyone" was changed to – any one –.

In claim 10, line 2, "anyone" was changed to – any one –.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chester T. Barry whose telephone number is 703-306-5921. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 9 - 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Blaine Copenheaver can be reached on 703.308.1261. The fax phone